1 **Externally Aided** Tamil Nadu Social Forestry Afforestation covering plains The Project was started with the assistance of Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA) in 1988-89. An and coastal areas including Project expenditure of Rs. 136.89 crore has been incurred and an area tribal areas of 1.30 lakhs, ha, covered upto March, 1995. The Project has been approved to set up Training Institute at Denmark assisted Project To set up Environmental 16. a cost of 9.961 million DM Training Institute at Madras

To prevent and alleviate 17. World Bank Pollution Control Project

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environmental degradation caused by Industrial operations.

The project involves a line of credit of US \$ 155.6 million and counterpart funds of US# 108 million to be provided by Government of Inida, State Governments, Financial Institutions and Industrial units availing loan. Under the project 4 States including Tamil Nadu are covered. There is no specific allocation for each State.

NR-Non Recurring R-Recurring

## corruption by Newsitem regarding telephone linemen

1199. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: the / Minister of COMMUNI-CATIONS be pelased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 23rd July, 1995 entitled "The Men Behind the faulty Lines" dealing with the corruption of the telephone linemen; and
- (b) what steps will be taken to stop this corruption and give relief to the customers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE OF COMMUNIATIONS MINISTRY (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Wide publicity is given exhorting customers to desist from giving monetary gratification to the line staff. A fullfledged Vigilance Cell under the charge of General Manager is functioning in the MTNL, Delhi where formal complaint can be lodged by an affected subscriber. Complaint is investigated and strict disciplinary action will be taken against the Deptt. official involved.

## Electrification of South-Eastern Railway

1200. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pelased to state:

- (a) whether Government are considering anv proposal for in Muri-Chandil and electrification Purulia-Koteshila section in Adra Division of South Eastern Railway;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) The work of electrification of Chandil-Muri-Barkakana section of which Muri-Chandil is a part, is in progress. Purulia-Kotshila is a part of Bokaro Steel City-Muri-Hatia-Kiriburu-Barsuan tion, the electrification of which is also in progress.
- (c) the electrification of the above sections is likely to be completed by March, 98.